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SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, all this bill does is it moves the election for city council members and mayors to the general election instead of the primary election but it also, the amendment provides that should a candidate not receive at least 50% of the votes, it would be a run-off election for the two high men.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I can't hear for the Clerk. He is projecting awfully loud today.

SPEAKER: Proceed Senator.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, on this particular bill, I have discussed it with Senator Rumery. I have tried to discuss it with the League Officials a couple of times. There seems to be some objection to the bill to start with. I am not sure that the amendment is going to overcome the objection of some of them. I am afraid that we are going to be subjected to extreme criticism if we set up a special election following the general election. I would think that it would be orderly and timely to simply allow for the election, the primary with the regular primary, the general election with the general election, so out of respect to my good friend, Senator Rumery, with whom I agree most of the time, on this one I am going to have to take exception and ask you not to put the amendment on.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? The motion is to return the bill back to Select File for Senator Rumery's amendment. No further discussion? Senator Rumery, do you care to close?

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. Chairman, I deeply appreciate the remarks of my esteemed Chairman of the Education Committee, who I have worked quite a while with here now, but I would like to see the Legislature vote on the amendment. Therefore, I would move that we adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER: The question is, shall the amendment be adopted... or to return the bill? The question is, shall the bill be returned? Have you all voted? The question is, shall the bill be returned? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 15 nays.

SPEAKER: The motion fails.

CLERK: Communication from the Executive Office under date of April 9th addressed to Vincent Brown, Clerk of the Legislature. Read. See Page 1213, Journal. Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review reports we have examined and reviewed LB 323 and find the same correctly engrossed. Signed Senator Dworak, Chairman.

SPEAKER: We will now go to General File and the first bill on General File is LB 339.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is a request to bracket LB 339 until April 14th. Signed Senator Cope.

SPEAKER: Any objections? If not, so ordered.